## THE INSPIRATION

ire can be mysterious, sometimes dangerous and destructive, but also beautiful and restorative. It often plays an important role in the natural progression of ecosystems.

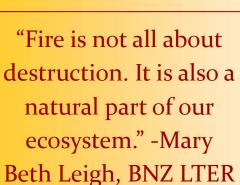
The Alaska Fire Science Consortium and Bonanza Creek LTER coordinated four field trips for participating artists, offering a behind-the scenes look at what happens when a fire occurs, how scientific information is used in management decisions, and the many facets behind long-term ecological disturbance studies.

Denali National Park & Preserve: Artists spent a day with a fire ecologist and an assistant fire management officer exploring, studying and interpreting the 2002 Horseshoe Lake Fire; analyzing plant succession and discussing the complexities of wildfire in Alaska.

(Photo by Sean Proctor)







## **Management Facilities:**

BLM-Alaska Fire Service coordinated a tour if its facilities: Alaska Interagency Joint Information Center, Alaska Interagency Coordination Center, the Fire Management Zones, equipment warehouse and smoke jumper operations.



Fire Simulation: Artists joined fire personnel for a fire simulation training exercise at Chena Lakes with various fire fighter groups and equipment, demonstrating smoke jumping, cargo and water drops and other elements of aerial fire suppression.

(Photos by Amanda Ellis)





Long Term Ecological Research
Station: Artists accompanied scientists
working with Bonanza Creek LTER and

UAF to the Rosie Creek Fire Study Area where ecologists have been studying 28 years of forest succession. (Photos by Glenn Juday)





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